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HELSINKI SUMMIT: JAPANESE TELEVISION NETWORKS AND NEWSPAPERS  
CONTINUED TO GIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE SUNDAY TO REPORTS ON THE  
HELSINKI SUMMIT CENTERING ON THE SECOND FORD-BREZHNEV TALKS.

NHK-TV, TBS-TV AND FUJI-TV CARRIED REPORTS WHICH SAID THERE  
WAS PROGRESS AT THE FORD-BREZHNEV DISCUSSIONS ON THE SALT PROBLEM.

NHK-TV SAID, "CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE ON SEVERAL POINTS  
OF THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS AT THE FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING." THE REPORT  
SAID, "THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT AN AGREEMENT WILL BE CONCLUDED  
BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION THIS FALL."

NHK SAID, "THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION HOPED TO REACH AN  
AGREEMENT QUICKLY ON SALT IN ORDER TO PAVE THE WAY FOR GENERAL  
SECRETARY BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO THE U.S. THIS FALL."

NHK SAID, "ASIAN COUNTRIES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONCLUSION OF  
THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE BECAUSE THE SOVIET UNION IS NOW  
EXPECTED TO TURN ITS POWER TO ASIA." "THIS IS EXPECTED TO LEAD TO  
AN UNSTABLE SITUATION IN ASIA BECAUSE OF THE EXPECTED STRONGER  
CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA," THE REPORT ADDED.

NHK SAID, "SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS BELIEVE THAT THE SOVIET  
UNION WILL LAUNCHED ITS ASIAN SECURITY PLAN BECAUSE OF THE SUCCESS  
OF ITS EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE WHICH LED TO THE SIGNING OF  
THE HELSINKI DECLARATION."

BUT NHK SAID, "SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS ARE TAKING A CAUTIOUS  
STAND TOWARD THE SOVIET PLAN BECAUSE THEY ARE FEARFUL OF  
INVOLVEMENT IN THE SINO-SOVIET CONFRONTATION AS PEKING  
STRONGLY OPPOSES THE SOVIET SECURITY PLAN FOR ASIA."

THE TELEVISION NETWORKS ALSO CARRIED REPORTS ON  
PRESIDENT FORD'S ARRIVAL IN BUCHAREST WHERE HE RECEIVED A WARM  
WELCOME FROM THE ROMANIAN PEOPLE.

AMONG THE SUNDAY MORNING EDITIONS, TOKYO'S MAJOR DAILIES GAVE  
PROMINENT PAGE ONE AND INSIDE PAGE COVERAGE TO REPORTS FROM

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THEIR HELSINKI CORRESPONDENTS ON THE FORD-BREZHNEV MEETING.

THE ASAHI REPORT SAID THERE WAS PROGRESS ON THE MIRV INSPECTION PROBLEM AS SECRETARY KISSINGER STATED THAT "THERE WAS VERY SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS." THE REPORT SAID PRESIDENT FORD STATED THAT HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT AN AGREEMENT WOULD BE REACHED THIS YEAR.

THE ASAHI SAID PRESIDENT FORD AND GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV TOOK THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HOLD SUBSTANTIAL TALKS BECAUSE OF THE "VERY URGENT NEED TO BREAK THE SALT II DEADLOCK." THE REPORT ALSO NOTED OTHER PENDING PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION INCLUDING CONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE SECOND SEPARATION OF FORCES AGREEMENT IN THE SINAI AND PROMOTION OF THE REDUCTION OF FORCES NEGOTIATIONS.

THE MAINICHI SAID THE TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE FORD-BREZHNEV TALKS WERE SALT II, BILATERAL U.S.-SOVIET PROBLEMS AND THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. THE REPORT SAID IT ALSO APPEARS THAT THE TWO LEADERS DISCUSSED MEANS OF PROMOTING THE MUTUAL REDUCTION OF FORCES IN EUROPE.

THE MAINICHI SAID, "IT APPEARS THAT BOTH LEADERS HELD FRANK TALKS ON PENDING PROBLEMS AND REACHED CONSIDERABLE AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING." THE REPORT SAID, "THE IMPRESSION GAINED AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS WAS THAT THE WAY HAS BEEN CLEARED FOR BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO THE U.S."

THE YOMIURI CARRIED AN INSIDE PAGE REPORT FROM HELSINKI WHICH ALSO STATED THAT THE FORD-BREZHNEV TALKS REACHED AGREEMENT ON SEVERAL POINTS ON THE SALT PROBLEM. HOWEVER, THE REPORT SAID THE TWO LEADERS WILL LEAVE THE WORK OF DRAFTING DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT TO THE EXPERTS.

THE YOMIURI ALSO CARRIED A SEPARATE REPORT WHICH SAID PRESIDENT FORD ARRIVED IN BUCHAREST ON THE NEXT STOP OF HIS EUROPEAN TRIP AND RECEIVED A WARM WELCOME FROM OVER 200,000 ROMANIANS.

EDITORIALLY, THE ASAHI AND MAINICHI PUBLISHED EDITORIAL COMMENTS SUNDAY ON THE CONCLUSION OF THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE AND ITS EFFECTS ON ASIA. (MORE COMING) USIS TOKYO

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THE LIBERAL ASAHI SAID, "A NEW ERA OF STABILITY HAS OPENED IN THE  
HISTORY OF EUROPE AS A RESULT OF THE ADOPTION OF THE HELSINKI  
DECLARATION." HOWEVER, THE EDITORIAL NOTED THAT "WESTERN  
SUSPICION TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION IS NOT WITHOUT FOUNDATION  
BECAUSE GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV TOOK A SEVERE STAND AGAINST  
DOMESTIC INTERFERENCE ALTHOUGH THE SOVIET LEADER DELIVERED A  
FLEXIBLE SPEECH."

THE ASAHI SAID, "THE HELSINKI DECLARATION CARRIES THE HOPE  
THAT DETENTE WILL BE CARRIED OUT GRADUALLY DESPITE CRITICISMS  
OF THE AGREEMENT."

THE ASAHI SAID, "ONE POINT WHICH CANNOT BE OVERLOOKED IS  
THAT NOW THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS REALIZED ITS CHERISHED  
EUROPEAN SECURITY SYSTEM, THERE ARE SIGNS THAT IT IS STRIVING  
TO CARRY OUT ITS MORAL AND POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES AS A MEMBER  
OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE WEST  
EUROPEAN TYPE PEACE SYSTEM."

THE ASAHI SAID, "FROM THE ASIAN VIEWPOINT, THE START OF THE  
EUROPEAN SECURITY STRUCTURE CANNOT BE WELCOMED TOO MUCH IN  
ASIA AS LONG AS THE SINO-SOVIET CONFRONTATION CONTINUES." "THIS  
MEANS THAT 'TENSION' WILL NOW SHIFT TO ASIA RESULTING IN  
STRONGER CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND CHINA;"  
THE EDITORIAL ADDED.

THE ASAHI EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT "THE SOVIET-PROPOSED ASIAN  
COLLECTIVE SECURITY PLAN WHICH IS EXPECTED TO CREATE TENSION  
IN ASIA."

THE MODERATE MAINICHI NOTED THAT THE ADOPTION OF THE HELSINKI  
DECLARATION IS "ONLY THE START AS PRESIDENT FORD STATED THAT  
'HISTORY WILL JUDGE THIS CONFERENCE NOT BY WHAT WE SAY TODAY,  
BUT WHAT WE DO TOMORROW.'"

LIKE THE ASAHI EDITORIAL, THE MAINICHI EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER

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THE EFFECTS OF EUROPEAN DETENTE ON ASIA. THE EDITORIAL SAID, "THE SITUATION IN ASIA TODAY IS ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM EUROPE BECAUSE OF THE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA AND THE TAIWAN PROBLEM."

THE MAINICHI SAID, "ASIA IS IN THE MIDST OF A STRUGGLE AMONG THE U.S., CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION." THE EDITORIAL POINTED OUT THAT ASIAN STABILIZATION IS VERY DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF THE SINO-SOVIET CONFRONTATION."

THE MAINICHI SAID, "CHINA IS TAKING A CAUTIOUS STAND BECAUSE THE CONCLUSION OF THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE MEANS THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL HOIST ITS ASIAN SECURITY PLAN IN AN ATTEMPT TO ENCIRCLE CHINA,"

IN CONCLUSION THE MAINICHI SAID, "WE WOULD LIKE TO CALMLY WATCH THE ACTUAL SITUATION IN ASIA WHILE APPRECIATING THE 'HELSINKI SPIRIT.'" ITEM USIS TOKYO